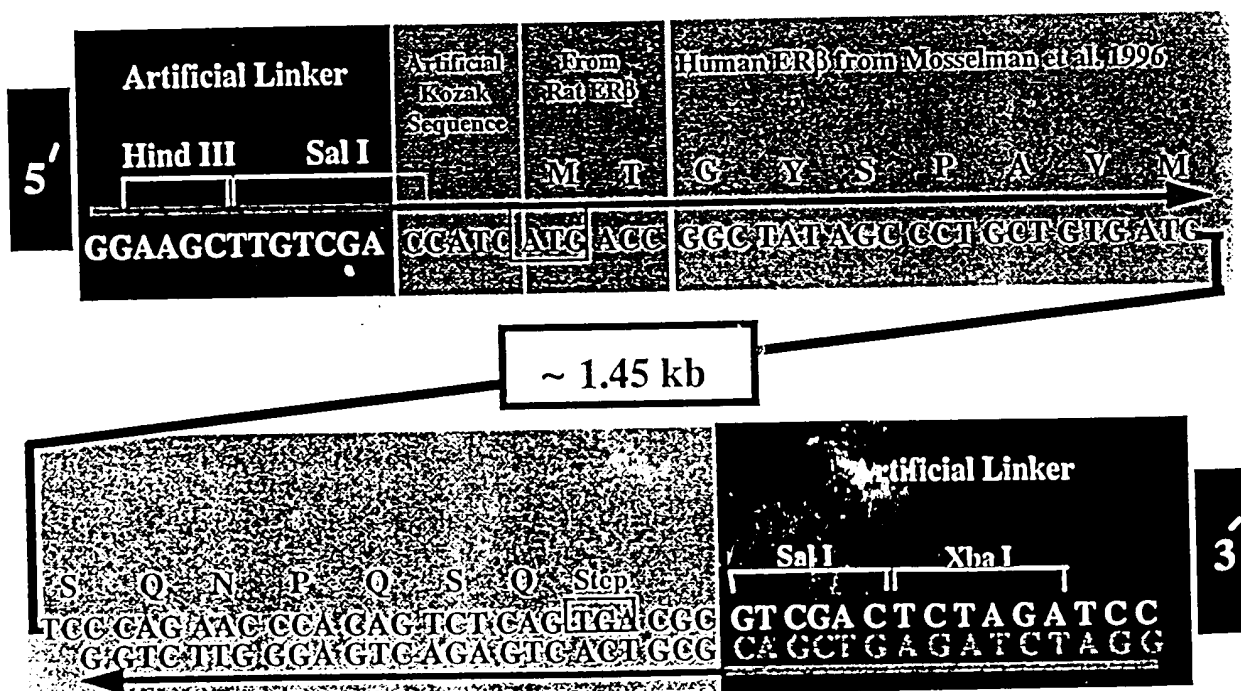


FIGURE 1

PCR Cloning of the Human ER β

Human testis RNA was reverse transcribed using Oligo dT. The resulted transcript was used for PCR with Oligonucleotides (red arrows) designed as follows:



The PCR product was cloned in the Hind III and XbaI sites of the Eukaryotic expression vector pcDNA III.

FIGURE 2

Human ER β cDNA

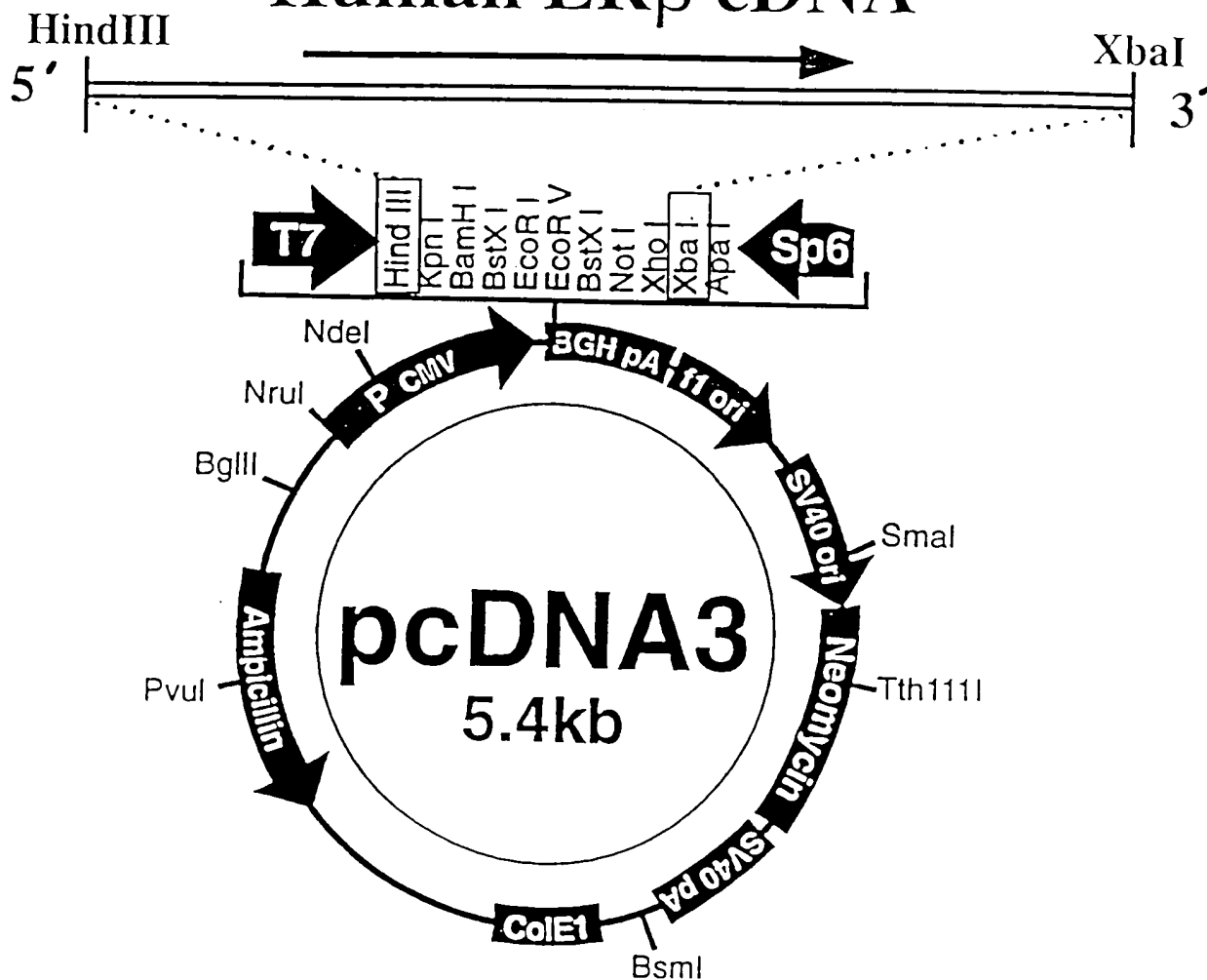


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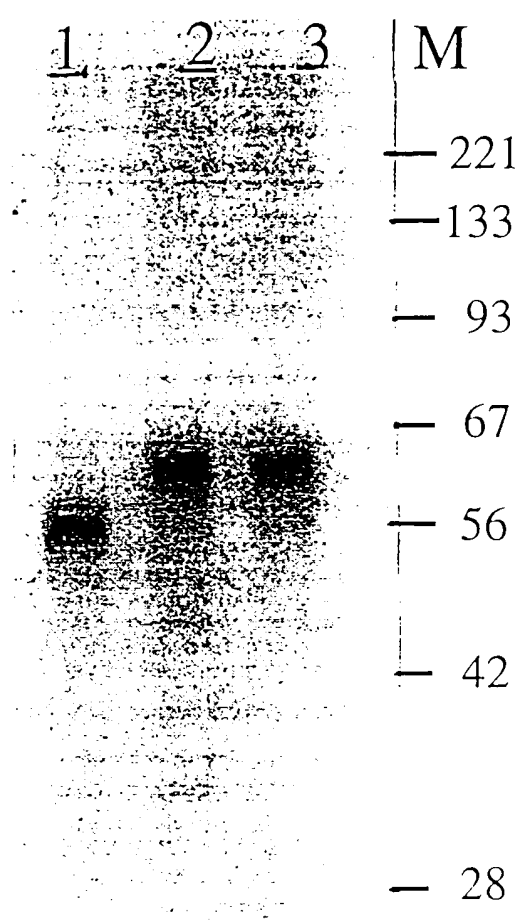
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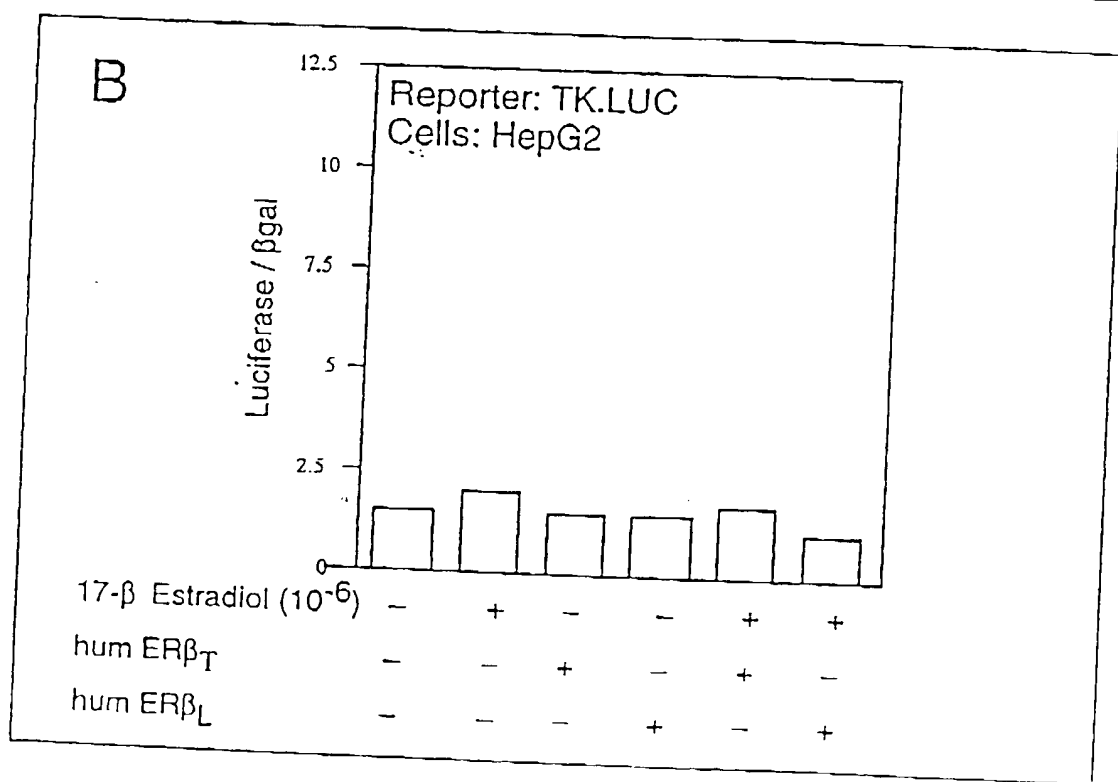
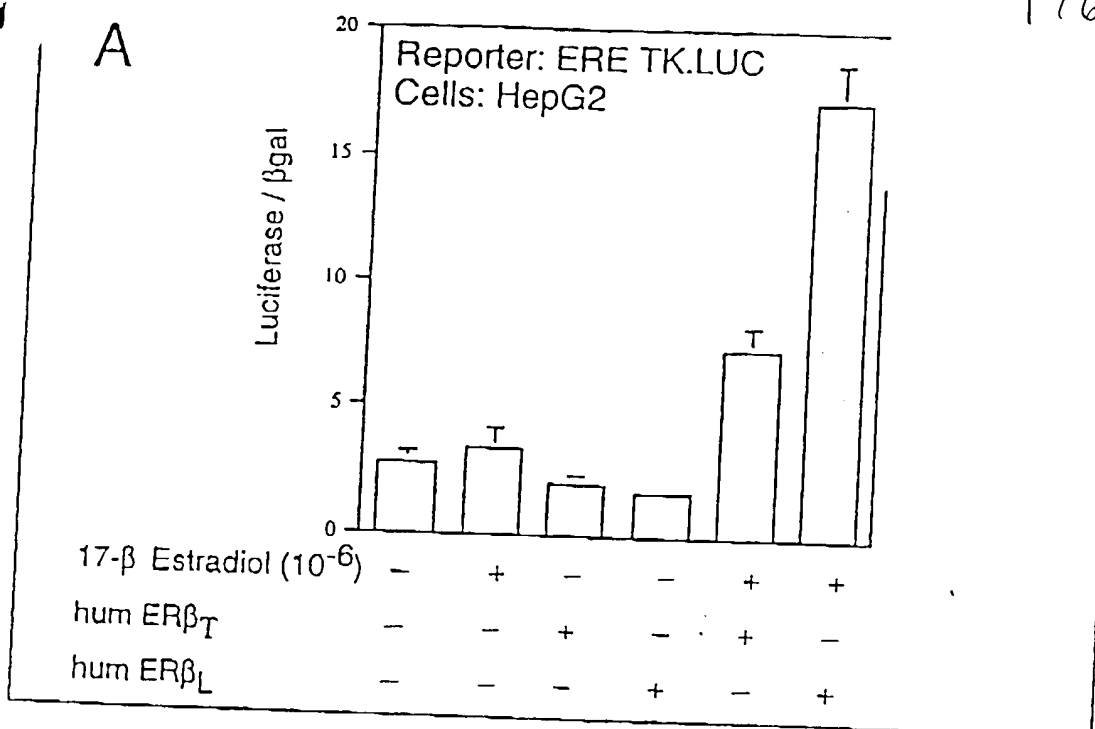
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Fig 5



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Transactivation of ERE reporter By ER β_L and ER β_T In HepG2 cells. Luciferase reporter constructs (0.5 ug) containing either [A] the estrogen receptor DNA response element upstream of the TK basal promoter (ERE TK.LUC) or [B] the TK basal promoter alone (TK.LUC) were transiently transfected into HepG2 cells by the calcium phosphate coprecipitation method. Each construct was cotransfected with the ER expression vector (0.25 ug) indicated and the RSV- β -galactosidase plasmid (0.5 ug) to correct for variation in DNA uptake. Luciferase activity was normalized to β -galactosidase enzymatic activity.

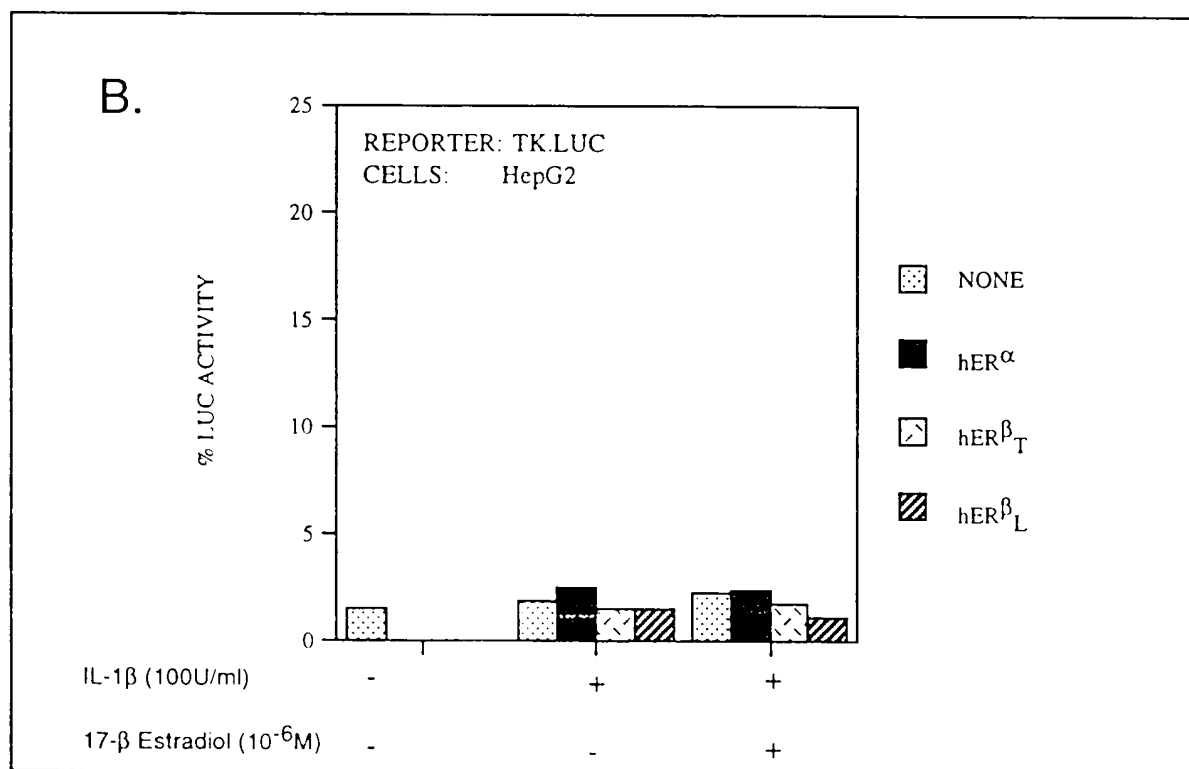
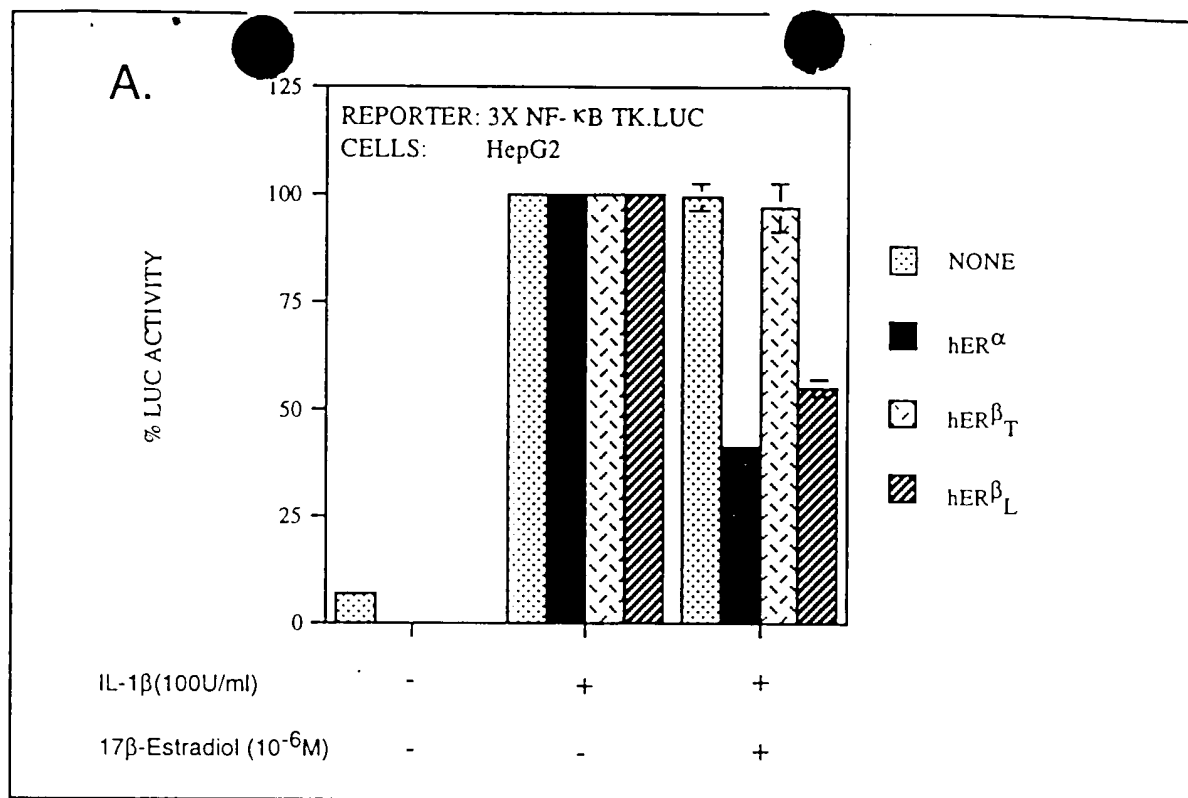
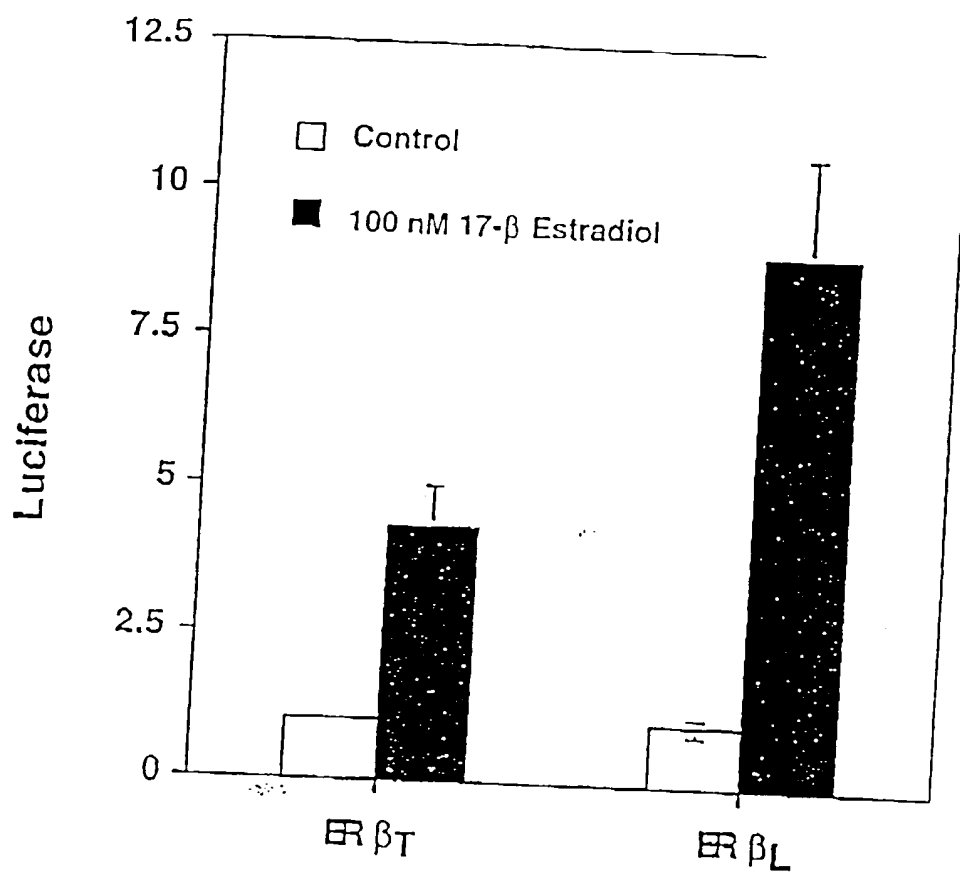


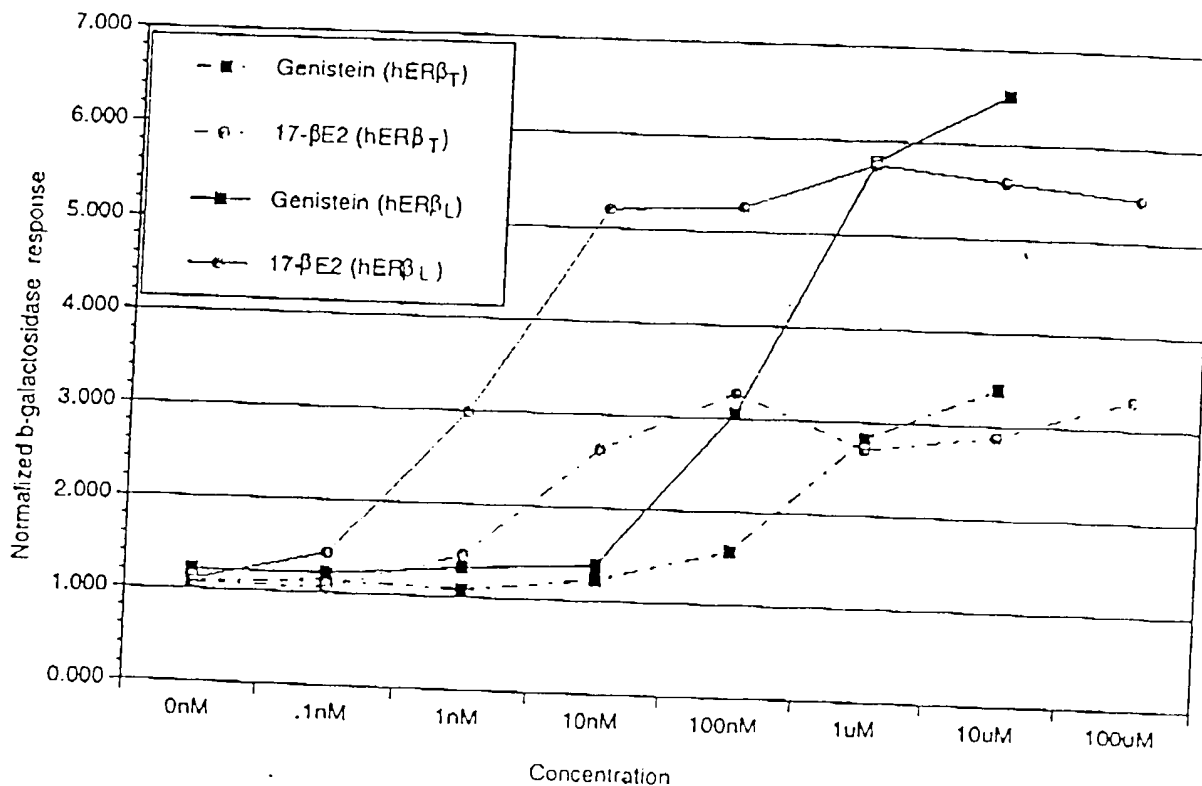
Fig 7

Luciferase reporter constructs (0.5 μ g) containing either [A] 3 copies of an NF κ B binding site upstream of the TK basal promoter (3X-NF κ B TK.LUC) or [B] the TK basal promoter construct alone (TK.LUC) were transiently cotransfected into HepG2 cells by the calcium phosphate coprecipitation method. Each construct was cotransfected with the ER expression vector indicated and the plasmid RSV- β -galactosidase (0.5 μ g) to correct for variation in DNA uptake. Percent luciferase activity values represent Luc: β -galactosidase enzymatic activity ratios relative to a value of 100% designated for the IL-1 β treated samples and are presented as mean \pm S.E..



Transactivation of ERE reporter by ERβ_T and ERβ_L in HAECT-1 cells. Luciferase reporter constructs (20 μg) containing either the estrogen receptor DNA response element upstream of the TK basal promoter (ERE TK.LUC) or the TK basal promoter (TK.Luc) were transiently transfected into HAECT-1 cells (4x10⁶) with 5 μg of ER expression vector by electroporation. Cells were plated into 48 wells of a 96-well plate, rested for 4h, and treated overnight as indicated prior to luciferase determination. ERE TK.LUC values were normalized to TK.LUC values and are presented as mean ± S.E. (n=4).

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Transcriptional activity of hERβ_T and hERβ_L in yeast. Yeast cells (BJ2168) were cotransformed with an ERE-LacZ reporter (YRpE2) and either a yeast vector (pYX242) expressing hERβ_T or hERβ_L. Transformed cells were grown in selective medium for 24 h at 30°C. Cells were treated with 17-β estradiol or genestein, at the indicated concentrations, for 3 h and then assayed for β-galactosidase activity.